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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: LOCAL REACTION IN THE SOUTHWESTNF  
FRANCE TO GISCARD-CARTER EXCHANGE ON CONCORDE

REFERENCE: PARIS 4905

1. LOCAL REACTION IN THE SOUTHWEST OF FRANCE, -AND  
ESPECIALLY IN TOULOUSE WHERE THE AEROSPATIALE CONSTRUCTION  
PLANT FOR CONCORDE IS LOCATED, HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE TO  
PRESIDENT CARTER S POSITION ON CONCORDE AS CONTAINED IN HIS  
RECENT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING. THERE IS A  
GENERAL EXPRESSION OF RELIEF THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS  
REAFFIRMED THE VALIDITY OF FORMER TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY  
COLEMAN'S GRANTING A 16 MONTH EXPERIMENTAL LANDING PERIOD FOR  
CONCORDE AT DULLES AIRPORT. LOCAL PRESS IN TOULOUSE CONCLUDES  
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THAT HAD PRESIDENT CARTER DECIDED TO ANNUL THAT DECISION,  
CONCORDE S CHANCES FOR LANDING RIGHTS WOULD BE PREJUDICED  
DEFINITIVELY. BASIC CONCLUSION IN TOULOUSE IS THAT PRESIDENT  
CARTER HAS LEFT THE DOOR OPEN, THEREBY ENHANCING THE PROSPECTS  
FOR THE FUTURE OF THE FRENCH/UK SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT.

2. J.M. FORTANIER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE TOULOUSE BASED COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPORT OF CONCORDE, STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS REGISTERED WITH SATISFACTION THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. WHILE REGRETTING THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT ACTED MORE QUICKLY TO OBTAIN THIS CONFIRMATION FROM THE U.S.G. THE COMMITTEE LAUNCHED AN APPEAL TO FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION TO MOBILIZE QUOTE MASSIVELY UNQUOTE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO MAKE KNOWN, WITHOUT ANY AMBIGUITY, TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE ESSENTIAL INTEREST THAT THE FRENCH HAVE IN LANDING RIGHTS FOR CONCORDE IN ALL U.S. AIRPORTS.

3. LOCAL PUBLIC OPINION IS NOW BECOMING MORE AND MORE AWARE THAT THE FINAL DECISION ON LANDING RIGHTS AT J.F.K. AIRPORT CANNOT BE DICTATED BY THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND, IF ANYTHING, THE CONCORDE ISSUE HAS SERVED TO INFORM LOCAL FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL DIVISION OF POWERS INHERENT IN THE U.S. FEDERAL SYSTEM.DJEREJIAN

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